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5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1061
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To whom it may concern,

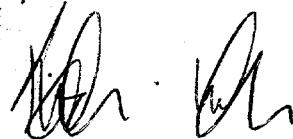
As a concerned individual, I urge you to grant petition 98P-0151/CPI to prohibit the slaughter of downed animals. I believe that animals who are too ill to ever stand should not enter the food chain. I have heard that there is evidence that some downed animals may be afflicted with a form of BSE (Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy or "Mad Cow Disease"), a disease that has been linked to a fatal human illness (CJD or Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease). Also, downed animals are almost never transported humanely. They are poked and prodded, pushed with tractors or dragged with chains. It is horrific to imagine what these poor creatures must be feeling! Not to mention, downed animals do not make up a large price tag, so there would be no money lost if that is your concern. The terrible fact is that these animals wouldn't be injured in the first place if the handlers treated them humanely. This fact is admitted by

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their own industry experts. Please make sure
these animals are treated humanely.

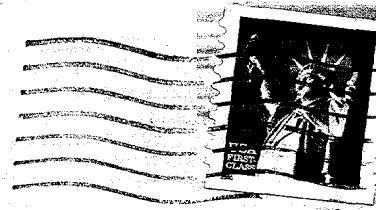
Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,



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